

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 and 28-33 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 11 and 19 are amended to correct a typographical error.

Claims 29-33 is newly added.

The claims are believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth herein. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 28 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 28 is amended to independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1. Claim 28 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 4 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 4 and 11 are amended thereby rendering the rejection moot. Claim 19 is amended in a similar manner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maeda et al. (6,562,441) in view of Avar (4,730,018).

Maeda et al. is cited as disclosing an ink jet recording material with one or more ink receiving layers including vinyl alcohol and light stabilizers. The use of light stabilizers in ink jet images is specifically for stabilizing the ink.

Avar is cited as teaching a material for stabilizing a polymer. One of skill in the art would have no basis for assuming that a material that stabilizes a polymer would also stabilize an ink jet ink.

In col. 4, line 60 through col. 5, line 14 Maeda et al. sets forth a list of materials which are considered suitable for a binder in an ink jet media. Avar describes the polymeric materials which are suitable for demonstration of the stabilization at col. 8 lines 34-39. The two list are mutually exclusive leading one of skill in the art to conclude that those materials which are suitable as a binder in an ink jet media and those which are stabilized by the compounds of Avar represent a different class of compounds. One of skill in the art would therefore have no motivation for contemplating the use of the

stabilizers of Avar in the film of Maeda except by hindsight reconstruction based on the disclosure provided in the present application.

The rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maeda et al. (6,562,441) in view of Avar is traversed as being based on hindsight motivation.

New Claims

Claims 29-33 are newly entered claims.

Claim 29 recites specific compounds which are not included in the cited art. Claim 29 is believed to represent a patentable advance in the art.

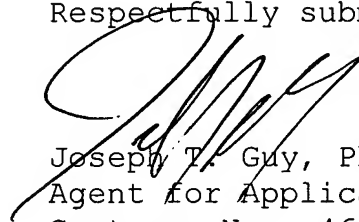
Claims 30-33 recite specific limitations in formula (I). In each case the compound is not disclosed in the prior art.

No new matter is entered as a result of the newly added claims.

CONCLUSIONS

Claims 1-25 and 28-33 are pending in the present application. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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